

**TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

Present: K. Balzar, J. Hintz, J. Wierzba, J. Jontry, and 7 others.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018 CLOSED SESSION MEETING: A motion (J. Hintz, J. Wierzba) was made to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2018 regular board meeting and the Minutes of the November 1, 2018 closed session meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

TREASURER'S REPORT: The October, 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported that the sand shed was filled and the trucks and grader are ready for snowplowing. T. Fleming will meet with J. Jontry to send letters out to the Dam Road residents regarding wood cutting. The brush head on the boom mower needs replacement, an expenditure of approximately \$11,300. This will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

PARK FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM TAX COMMISSION PRESENTATION: Dave Schmidt, Ed Keen, Pete Maynard and Carrie Jeske discussed the potential for Fifield to join other Price County townships in creating a Room Tax ordinance. Short-term rental properties must be permitted according to State Statute (Article 52). The Town would keep 30% of fees. Informational materials, including a template from the Town of Lake were provided for the Board to review. This will be placed on the Agenda for a future meeting.

UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS CONTRACT PAPERWORK FOR BOARD SIGNATURES: J. Jontry will contact the Union representative to correct an error in the contract. Tabled for next meeting.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2019 TOWN BUDGET, WITH A TOWN TAX LEVY OF \$316,819; FIRE DEPARTMENT #1 LEVY OF \$88,641; AND FIRE DEPARTMENT #2 LEVY OF \$67,941, AS APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: A motion (J. Hintz, J. Wierzba) was made to adopt the 2019 Town Budget, with a Town tax levy of \$316,819; Fire Department #1 levy of \$88,641; and Fire Department #2 levy of \$67,941. Roll call vote (K. Balzar – Aye; J. Hintz – Aye; J. Wierzba – Aye). Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF QUOTES FOR NEW LOADER: T. Fleming presented three quotes for a new loader from Roland Equipment, Fabick Cat, and McCoy. The Board approved purchase of the Komatsu WA270 demo'd by the crew in October, with a \$35,000 trade-in of the current loader. The Town will make no payments until after January 1, 2019. The loader comes with a 7 year warranty and 5 year service plan, and will be able to utilize our current snowplow and backhoe attachments. **MOTION (J. Wierzba, J. Hintz) to purchase the Komatsu WA270 from Roland Machinery in the amount of \$123,747 with \$35,000 trade-in of the current loader. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).**

DISCUSS BILLING RAMKER FOR THOROUGHFARE ROAD DAMAGE: Lakes Asphalt completed repairs as part of the crack sealing project completed in September. The portion for Thoroughfare Road is \$514. The Board agreed to bill the \$514 to M. Ramker, and not charge treble damages as provided by State Statute. J. Jontry will draft a letter for K. Balzar to sign. **MOTION (J. Wierzba, J. Hintz) to bill M. Ramker \$514 for damage to Thoroughfare Road. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).**

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK/TREASURER TERM: MOTION (K. Balzar, J. Wierzba) to appoint the Town Clerk/Treasurer to a three-year term beginning November 15, 2018. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: K. Balzar received a voice mail from M. Beuning, and an e-mail from Patrick Hampston, both of the U.S. Forest Service, regarding Squaw Creek. J. Jontry received an e-mail from the USDA requesting comment on changes to recreation sites in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

REVIEW INVOICES: MOTION (J. Hintz, J. Wierzba) to approve invoices for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

ADJOURN: A MOTION (J. Wierzba, J. Hintz) was made at 7:38 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jontry, Town Clerk